



## MARYLAND Department of Health

### Maryland State Board of Acupuncture - Board Member Recruitment

The Board of Acupuncture is recruiting for both professional and consumer members. More specifically, there are two professional opportunities (one current and one future vacancy in July 2023) and one consumer opportunity. Due to the administration change in January and the ongoing transition, the [Governor's Appointments Office](#) application portal is closed and will not reopen until sometime in April. In the meantime please visit this page to learn more about the process in advance of the application portal reopening. If you have already submitted an application you do not have to reapply.

The criteria for members are outlined in the Board statute, Health Occupations §1A-202. This information can be accessed through the Boards [website](#), via the Statutes and Regulations menu item on the left, and then clicking on the [Maryland Acupuncture Act](#).

Expectations of Board members include but are not be limited to the following:

- Attend six Board meetings per year (there are attendance requirements in order to remain a board member). These meetings are typically held on the second Tuesday of odd numbered months - January, March, May, July, September and November at 1pm. The meetings may occur in person at the Board office in Baltimore or virtually and include a regular/public (open) session, and an administrative/quasi-judicial (closed) session. Members are entitled to a stipend of \$100 per meeting plus mileage if attended in-person. Board members receive documents in advance of the meeting for review.
- Serve on Board committees such as disciplinary, legislative, scope of practice and other ad hoc committees (e.g., budget, continuing education, credentialing, etc.) as needed. Committees meet as needed either in person or virtually.
- Participate in disciplinary hearings and case resolution conferences.
- Testify before the General Assembly regarding legislation that affects consumers and/or licensees.
- File an annual financial disclosure with the State Ethics Commission and be subject to the State Ethics Law.

Please be aware that one of the application documents, Appointee Exemption Disclosure (AED) form, is required by the Maryland State Ethics Commission (SEC) to document any potential conflicts of interest. On the AED form, applicants should request an employment exemption for all current employment. Applicants who are self-employed, own or co-own a business should also request a financial exemption on the AED form.

If an applicant is serving in an official capacity with a Board/Association, the applicant should list their role and note their willingness to resign immediately if appointed to the Health Occupation Board. Applicants may contact the SEC at 410-260-7770 with questions or to request guidance.

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Any additional questions regarding applications or nominations may be addressed to Kimberly Link at [kimberly.link@maryland.gov](mailto:kimberly.link@maryland.gov).

The Governor appoints board members with the advice of the Secretary of the Department of Health and input from the professional acupuncture associations (as detailed in Health Occupations Article, Section 1A-202(c)(2)). Please note that all applicants are thoroughly vetted and may be interviewed by a subject matter expert.

*Thank you in advance for considering public service through the Maryland State Board of Acupuncture.*